

ARTICLE XXXIX.

Ferries.

SEC. 1. The county commissioners of the several counties and the mayor of Baltimore, may, on the first day of May in each year, grant a license to any inhabitant of their county or city to keep a public ferry at any place within their county or city where a ferry has been kept and established, and from such place to any other county, or from the said city to any county, or from this to any other State, and such license shall be renewed annually; and the said county commissioners or mayor may grant such license at any other period of the year, to be in force only until the first day of May then next ensuing.

2. Every person obtaining a license to keep a ferry, shall give bond to the State with two sufficient securities in the sum of two hundred dollars, conditioned that he will faithfully and diligently keep the ferry for which he shall obtain license with such hands and boats as the county commissioners or mayor shall direct, from daylight to daylight, from the first of November to the first of March, and from an hour before to an hour after daylight, for the residue of the year, and that he will not charge or receive any greater price for ferriage than allowed by law.

3. Whenever any person shall apply to the county commissioners or mayor of the city of Baltimore for a license to keep a public ferry, and shall offer two good and sufficient securities, the county commissioners or mayor shall grant such license, notwithstanding they or he may have, previous to such application, granted license or licenses to other persons to keep a ferry at the same place.

4. If the proprietor of the land at any place now used as a public ferry, or where a public ferry may hereafter be established, shall refuse or neglect for the space of two months to take out a license agreeably to this article, or to rent the houses and land commonly used with or necessary for such ferry, to some person to be approved of by the said commissioners who will take out a license for the same, or be under any disability to take out a license, or to rent as aforesaid, by reason whereof